The Way Home

Introduction

This message offers a simple lens for reading Scripture that resolves its apparent inconsistencies and reveals a logical, coherent path that Jesus called "the narrow road." It's a path that few find, not because it's hidden, but because we've been looking in the wrong way.

This isn't about creating a new religion. It's about rediscovering what was always there, using a framework that anyone can test for themselves.

The Key: A Simple Test

Here's the lens that changes everything:

God = Creator of Life
Satan = Destroyer of Life

Every passage in the Bible can be tested with one question: *Does this create life or destroy life?*

- If it creates, preserves, or nurtures life → God's voice
- If it destroys, takes, or ends life → Satan's voice

This simple tool reveals which voice is speaking in any passage, resolving contradictions and making the Bible logically coherent.

Why the Bible Contains Two Voices

According to Genesis, humanity experienced a Fall in the Garden of Eden. After choosing to follow the serpent's suggestion rather than God's command, humanity lost direct connection with the Creator.

From that point forward, the Bible records humanity hearing *both* voices—God's and Satan's—but often unable to tell them apart. Both voices were attributed to "God" because people had lost the ability to discern between them.

This explains why:

- God appears loving in some passages, violent in others
- Jesus contradicts the Old Testament on key teachings
- The Bible seems to contradict itself repeatedly

These aren't contradictions. They're different speakers.

Testing the Framework

Let's apply the Creator/Destroyer test to specific examples:

Genesis 1:29-30

"Then God said, 'I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.'"

Test: Creates/sustains life through plants
Result: Creator (God's voice)

Genesis 9:3

"Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything."

Test: Destroys animal life; leads to environmental destruction
Result: Destroyer (Satan's voice)

Notice: These passages contradict each other. One establishes a plant-based diet. The other permits eating animals. They can't both be from the same source.

The *fruit* reveals the truth: eating animals has led to massive planetary destruction, species extinction, and ecological collapse. That's Destroyer's work, not Creator's.

Joshua 6:21

"They devoted the city to the Lord and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys."

Test: Total destruction of all life
Result: Destroyer (Satan's voice)

The command to commit genocide—including children and animals—cannot come from a Creator of life. This is Destroyer speaking, though the text attributes it to "the Lord."

Matthew 5:44

"But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Test: Creates reconciliation, preserves relationships
Result: Creator (God's voice - through Jesus)

The Two Falls

Humanity experienced not one Fall, but two:

First Fall (Genesis 3): Choosing forbidden knowledge/lust over obedience. This severed direct connection with God, leaving humanity hearing Satan's voice mixed with God's.

Second Fall (Genesis 9:3): Satan commanding (through a voice humanity thought was God): "Everything that moves will be food for you." This introduced systematic destruction of animal life and set humanity on a path of environmental devastation.

Both Falls represent choosing Destroyer over Creator. Both keep humanity trapped in destructive patterns.

Jesus: The First Human Home

Consider these passages carefully:

Revelation 3:21
*"To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, **just as I was victorious** and sat down with my Father on his throne."*

Revelation 1:5-6
*"From Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the **firstborn from the dead**... To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve **his God and Father**."*

Notice:

- Jesus "was victorious" (meaning he had to overcome, not automatically succeed)
- Jesus is "firstborn from the dead" (first of many, not only)
- Jesus serves "his God and Father" (Jesus has a God, implying he's not God himself)

What if Jesus wasn't born supernaturally as "God in flesh," but was instead an ordinary human who figured out how to return to God—the *first* human to successfully complete the journey?

"Firstborn" implies others will follow. "Just as I was victorious" implies we can be victorious the same way. This makes Jesus an *example to follow* rather than an impossible standard to merely worship.

The virgin birth narrative, borrowed from common pagan mythology (Horus, Mithras, Krishna, etc.), was likely added later to make Jesus seem impossible to imitate. The earliest Christians—Ebionites and Nazarenes—rejected the virgin birth, knowing Jesus was born normally to Mary and Joseph.

Paul: The Countermeasure

After Jesus exposed Satan's system and taught the narrow road, Satan needed a countermeasure. Enter Paul.

Compare:

Jesus: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who **does** the will of my Father." (Matthew 7:21)

Paul: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—**not by works**, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Jesus emphasizes *doing*. Paul emphasizes *not doing*. Direct contradiction.

Jesus: "If you love me, keep my commands." (John 14:15)

Paul: "Saved by grace... not by works."

James (Jesus's brother): "You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and **not by faith alone**." (James 2:24)

Paul's doctrine made Christianity *easy*: just believe in the blood sacrifice, no transformation required. This filled churches but emptied the narrow road.

The earliest Christians who actually knew Jesus—the Ebionites and Nazarenes—rejected Paul as a false apostle. They were vegetarian, emphasized works, and followed Jesus's actual teachings. They were later labeled "heretics" by Pauline Christianity and disappeared by the 5th century.

Satan's countermeasure succeeded: Paul's comfortable version became "orthodox," while Jesus's actual teachings became "heresy."

The Narrow Road: What It Actually Requires

Jesus was explicit about what's required:

Matthew 19:21
"If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

This isn't metaphorical. Jesus is saying: "Leave Satan's economic kingdoms (Luke 4:5-7 - 'all authority has been given to me'), give away your means of survival *here*, and trust God completely. Follow me *out* of this world."

Matthew 5:39
"But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also."

Why? Because resisting evil through violence means choosing to stay in Satan's world longer by defending your life *here* through killing. It's choosing Destroyer's methods over Creator's way.

The Vegetarian Question
Early Christians who knew Jesus personally were vegetarian. Why? Because they were following Jesus's example of Creator values—preserving life, not destroying it.

Isaiah 11:6-9 describes God's kingdom: "The wolf will dwell with the lamb... the lion will eat straw like the ox... They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain." This is Creator's vision: *no killing*, even by predators.

The Broad Road vs. The Narrow Road

Matthew 7:13-14
"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Broad Road (Many):

- Believe in Jesus's death as blood sacrifice
- Saved by grace, not works
- Keep comfortable life in Satan's kingdoms
- Eat whatever you want
- Defend yourself and possessions
- No real transformation required

Narrow Road (Few):

- Follow Jesus's actual teachings
- Transform through doing what he taught
- Leave Satan's kingdoms (sell possessions)
- Don't destroy life (vegetarian)
- Don't resist evil (trust God even unto death)
- Demonstrate readiness through how you live

Most modern Christianity is the broad road, made easy by Paul's "grace not works" doctrine. The narrow road remains nearly empty because it requires everything.

Why This Matters: The Audition

Think of earth life as an audition for God's kingdom.

God isn't asking "Do you believe the right things?" He's asking "Have you demonstrated you're ready to live in my kingdom without destroying it again?"

Remember: humanity already messed up once (the Fall). God doesn't want gullible people who'll just follow any voice claiming to be Him. He wants people who've learned *discernment*—who can tell Creator from Destroyer and consistently choose Creator.

This life is the training ground. Can you:

- Discern God's voice from Satan's voice?
- Choose life-giving actions over life-taking ones?
- Trust God enough to let go of everything?
- Be victorious over temptation, just as Jesus was?

That's the audition. Jesus passed it first. He's showing us it's possible.

For Those Who've Rejected Christianity

If you're reading this as someone who walked away from Christianity because it seemed illogical, contradictory, or morally inconsistent—you weren't wrong.

As presented, it is illogical. A God who commands "love your enemies" doesn't also command genocide. A God who is "love" doesn't demand blood sacrifice.

But what if those contradictions exist because you've been reading *two different voices* as if they were one?

Apply the Creator/Destroyer test yourself:

- Read the Bible with fresh eyes
- Ask of each passage: "Does this create or destroy life?"
- Notice the pattern that emerges

You may find that Christianity becomes logically coherent once you distinguish the voices. The intelligent, moral objections you had were correct—you were identifying Destroyer's voice. You just didn't realize there was *another* voice there too.

Practical Steps

If this framework resonates, here's how to begin:

1. **Test it yourself.** Don't take this message's word for it. Read Scripture with the Creator/Destroyer lens and see what you discover.
2. **Look at the fruit.** Does a teaching lead to life or destruction in practice? That reveals its source.

3. **Follow Jesus's teachings, not just worship him.** What did he actually *say* to do? Start doing it.
4. **Reconsider eating animals.** This is Creator vs. Destroyer in daily practice. The environmental destruction from animal agriculture reveals its source.
5. **Question everything.** Including this message. Truth doesn't fear examination.
6. **Be prepared for resistance.** The narrow road is unpopular because it requires everything. Most people—including most Christians—will think you're extreme.
7. **Trust God, not the system.** Jesus said to sell everything and follow him. That's terrifying. It means trusting God with your survival. But that's what "narrow road" means.

The Real Question

Jesus asked: "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" (Luke 6:46)

This message isn't asking you to believe something new. It's asking whether you'll *do* what Jesus actually taught.

Will you:

- Discern Creator from Destroyer?
- Follow Jesus's actual teachings (not Paul's easier version)?
- Walk the narrow road, even though it costs everything?
- Trust that if Jesus did it as a human, you can too?

The choice is yours. The broad road is comfortable. The narrow road requires everything.

But only one leads home.

Final Thought

"Everybody dies. Do you want to die a coward?"

Everyone will face death eventually. The question isn't whether you'll die, but *how.* Will you die clinging to Satan's world, defending possessions, trying to survive here a little longer? Or will you die trusting God completely, having given everything, walking the narrow road?

Jesus died the second way. He was the first human to successfully make it home. He's showing us we can too—*just as* he was victorious.

The invitation stands: "Follow me."

Not "worship me while staying comfortable."

But "follow me *out* of this world and back home."

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For Further Reflection

Consider these questions:

- When you read the Bible, can you identify passages that create life vs. destroy life?
- Does modern Christianity resemble the narrow road or the broad road?
- What would your life look like if you actually did what Jesus taught?
- Are you willing to test this framework honestly, even if it challenges everything?

The narrow road has always been there. Few find it because they're not looking with the right lens.

Now you have the lens. What you do with it is up to you.